

information format;

creating a second screen by dividing the area of the display into a second plurality of grids which are combined and arranged together to fill the entire area of the display, each of said second plurality of grids being dimensioned to have approximately a two dimensional unit by one dimensional unit configuration, each of said grids having a horizontal or vertical orientation, at least one of said [first] second plurality of grids displaying said text information formatted in said vertical direction orientation, said at least one grid having a vertical orientation corresponding to the orientation of said textual information format;

selecting a first format for said text information from said at least two formats; and

displaying said screen having textual information corresponding to said selected format.

--16. The [template] method of claim 15, wherein at least one of said grids is further subdivided into two sub-grids each having an approximately one dimensional unit by one dimensional unit configuration.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested, particularly in view of the amendments submitted herein.

Main Claims 1, 6, 11, and 15 are amended to define the invention more distinctly over the cited prior art. No new matter has been added. The novel display template or display method is

defined as having a display area configured with a height and width of whole numbers of dimensional units, and a plurality of grids are combined and arranged together to fill the entire display area in which each of the grids has a two by one dimensional unit configuration. The so-called "Tatami mat" 2x1-unit mapping of grids is used to fill the entire area of the display. This is distinguishable from the cited prior art in which different grids of different dimensional configurations may be combined in a display, some of which may have a nominal 2x1 unit configuration, but does not prevent designers from designing a jumble of different grids that may overlap unaesthetically or leave dead space between them. None of the cited prior art discloses or suggests configuring a display template or display area entirely with grids of 2x1 unit dimensional configuration.

Claims 2 and 7 are cancelled. Claims 6, 9, and 10 are corrected to delete the reference to a "series" and substitute reference to the antecedent "system". Claims 3, 8, and 16 are amended to refer to the 1x1-unit subdivided portions of a grid as "sub-grids" to differentiate them from the grids. The dependent claims as amended are deemed to be patentable for the same reasons expressed with respect to the main claims.

Accordingly, Claims 1, 3-6, and 8-16 are now deemed to be in condition for allowance, and issuance of a notice of allowance therefor is respectfully requested.

In the event the Examiner has any questions regarding this response or any further amendment that may be needed to render the claims in condition for allowance, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the number indicated below.

Corrected formal drawings with proper margins and block lettering of numbers will be submitted upon an indication of allowability.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This is to request a **one-month extension of time**, until November 3, 2002, for this response. Our **check for \$55** for the time extension fee (small entity) is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees required for acceptance of this response to Deposit Account No. 15-0699 of Ostrager Chong & Flaherty, LLP.

REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF ATTORNEY'S ADDRESS

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CLAIMS AS PRESENTED AFTER AMENDMENT

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1. A template for the display of information, said template having a display area with a dimensional configuration of a height of approximately a first whole number of dimensional units and a width of approximately a second whole number of dimensional units, said template comprising: a plurality of grids combined and arranged together to fill the entire display area of said template, each of said grids being dimensioned to have approximately a two dimensional unit by one dimensional unit configuration.

2. [Cancelled]

3. The template of claim 1, wherein at least one of said grids is further subdivided into two sub-grids each having an approximately one dimensional unit by one dimensional unit configuration.

4. The template of claim 1, wherein said template is provided in a Web authoring program for generating pages for display with a browser program, said grids comprising frames in which information may be entered, through said authoring program and displayed via said browser program.

5. The template of claim 1, wherein said template is provided within a software program, said grids comprising frames in which information may be entered to said software program.

6. A system of templates for the display of information, each said template having a display area with a dimensional configuration of a height of approximately a first whole number of

dimensional units and a width of approximately a second whole number of dimensional units and being subdivided into a plurality of grids combined and arranged together to fill the entire display area of said template, wherein each of said grids has an approximately two dimensional unit by one dimensional unit configuration, each of said templates in said system having a different arrangement of grids therein.

7. [Cancelled]

8. The template system of claim 6, wherein at least one of said grids is further subdivided into two sub-grids each having an approximately one dimensional unit by one dimensional unit configuration.

9. The template system of claim 6, wherein said system of templates is provided in a Web authoring program for generating pages for display with a browser program, said grids comprising frames in which information may be entered, through said authoring program and displayed via said browser program.

10. The template system of claim 6, wherein said system of templates is provided within a software program, said grids comprising frames in which information may be entered to said software program.

11. A method of arranging information, including text and graphic images, in a template having a display area with a dimensional configuration of a height of approximately a first whole number of dimensional units and a width of approximately a second whole number of dimensional units, said method comprising

the step of providing at least one template subdivided into a plurality of grids combined and arranged together to fill the entire display area of said template, wherein each of said grids has an approximate two-by-one dimensional unit configuration.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of providing a plurality of templates, each said template having a different arrangement of grids.

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amt 13. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of entering information into each of said grids such that said template displays different information in said grids.

14. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of being provided for in a Web authoring program for generating pages for display with a browser program in which information may be entered through said authoring program and displayed via said browser program.

15. A method for displaying text and other information on a display, said text information having at least two formats, at least one of said formats having a horizontal direction orientation and at least one of said formats having a vertical direction orientation, said method comprising:

creating a first screen by dividing the area of the display into a first plurality of grids which are combined and arranged together to fill the entire area of the display, each of said first plurality of grids being dimensioned to have approximately a two dimensional unit by one dimensional unit configuration, at least one of said first plurality of grids displaying said text information formatted in said horizontal

direction orientation, said at least one grid having a horizontal orientation corresponding to the orientation of said textual information format;

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creating a second screen by dividing the area of the display into a second plurality of grids which are combined and arranged together to fill the entire area of the display, each of said second plurality of grids being dimensioned to have approximately a two dimensional unit by one dimensional unit configuration, each of said grids having a horizontal or vertical orientation, at least one of said second plurality of grids displaying said text information formatted in said vertical direction orientation, said at least one grid having a vertical orientation corresponding to the orientation of said textual information format;

selecting a first format for said text information from said at least two formats; and

displaying said screen having textual information corresponding to said selected format.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein at least one of said grids is further subdivided into two sub-grids each having an approximately one dimensional unit by one dimensional unit configuration.